

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT—LEGISLATURE— SESSIONS AND COMPENSATION

H. J. R. No. 5

Proposing an Amendment to Section 5 of Article III of the Constitution relating to sessions of the Legislature and what may be considered thereat and an Amendment to Section 24 of Article III relating to compensation of Members of the Legislature; specifying the time when the Amendment shall take effect if ratified; and providing for the submission of the proposed Amendment to a vote of the people.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 24 of Article III of the State Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 24. Members of the State Senate and House of Representatives shall receive from the State Treasury an annual salary of Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3600), to be paid in monthly installments on the first of each month.

"They shall also be entitled to mileage in going to the seat of government for each session of the Legislature and returning therefrom, which mileage shall not exceed Two Dollars and Fifty cents (\$2.50), for every twenty-five (25) miles, the distance to be computed by the nearest and most direct route of travel from a table of distances to each county seat prepared by the State Comptroller."

Sec. 2. That Section 5 of Article III of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 5. Two (2) regular sessions of each Legislature shall be held; and until otherwise provided by law, the time of the convening of the first regular session shall be at noon on the second Tuesday in January of each odd-numbered year, and of the second regular session, at noon on the second Tuesday in January of each even-numbered year.

"At other times, when called by the Governor, the Legislature shall convene in special session.

"Appropriations for monthly recurring expenses and salaries paid by the State shall be made for a period of not more than twelve (12) months.

"At the second regular session of each Legislature, only proposals to amend the Constitution and to make appropriations to pay monthly recurring expenses and salaries and such other measures only as four-fifths (4/5) of the Membership of each House may determine shall be considered."

Sec. 3. The Amendments proposed herein, if ratified by the people, shall become effective January first, A. D. 1950.

Sec. 4. The foregoing Constitutional Amendments shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of this State at a General Election to be held throughout this State on the fourth Saturday in September, 1949,¹

¹ Amendment by H.J.R. No. 46 provides for submission at an election to be held on the second Tuesday in November, 1949. See page 1500.

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same being September 24, 1949, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon:

"FOR the Constitutional Amendments relative to sessions of the Legislature and to compensation of its members."

"AGAINST the Constitutional Amendments relative to sessions of the Legislature and to compensation of its members."

Each voter shall express his vote on the proposed Amendment in the manner provided by law.

Sec. 5. The Governor of this State shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and shall have same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Passed the House, March 15, 1949: Yeas 134, Nays 5; House concurred in Senate amendments, April 25, 1949: Yeas 106, Nays 24, 2 present not voting; passed the Senate, as amended, April 20, 1949: Yeas 21, Nays 10.

Approved April 28, 1949.